GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5698
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INDIAN DIASPORA IN IRELAND
Bishnoi Shri Jaswant Singh

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people of Indian Origin residing in Ireland;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding discrimination between people of Indian origin and the people from other countries in Ireland; (

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) : As per information from the Indian Mission, there are around 8460 Indian nationals in Ireland. Further 299 OCI cards and 267 PIO cards have been issued by the Mission in 2004-2006.

(b) to (d): As per information received from the Indian Embassy, there is no discrimination between people of Indian origin and the people from other countries in Ireland, other than preferential treatment available to EU/EEA nationals. All cases of discrimination of Indian nationals that come to the attention of the Embassy are taken up with the Irish Government by the Embassy.